

merely manage the city a headquarters during the winter months. The family bills to be paid here and there and just at this time housekeeping is a very informal and irregular affair in many households and it is not unusual for a family to exist of existence for some weeks to come.

When it is reported that Mr. and Mrs. X have closed their Newport villa and returned to New York, it does not mean that they are to be found in their homes here. It is becoming more and more the fashion for the wealthy to spend the winter starting for Hop Springs, or for some house to which they have been invited, returning again to a New York hotel for the brief period that intervenes before they start off again.

Thus it happens that the address "New York City" is not a very accurate one. Dinner begins late. At one informal dinner at a palace in the Westleigh Hills last week the guests sat down at 9 o'clock. They did not remain at the table so long as they might have done in town, for bridge was the real object of the gathering.

Most of these houses were not occupied by their owners when the great migration began. They were the homes of the winter, or they are places of "demi-saison" sojourn. It is becoming more and more the fashion for the wealthy to spend the winter in these great houses, to stop away from town later than they did formerly.

So, in spite of the closing of New England, and the closing of the country hotels, many New Yorkers are still enjoying vacations.